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PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

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SESSION 1869-70.

*Ninth Meeting, March 28th, 1870.*

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT, in  
the Chair.

ELECTIONS.—*John C. Ardagh, Esq.*, Lieut. R.E.; *Somerset Beaumont, Esq.*, M.P.; *Charles Clark, Esq.*; *John Douglas, Esq.*; *Squire Thornton Stratford, Esq.*, Lieut. Royal Naval Reserve; *Captain Charles E. Luard, R.E.*; *William Martendale, Esq.*; *John Moore, Esq.*; *William Johnstone Newall, Esq.*; *Major-General the Hon. Charles Dawson Plunkett*; *William O. Stoton, Esq.*; *Lieut.-Colonel D. W. Tupper*; *Thomas Wall Stephens, Esq.*

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY FROM THE 14TH TO 28TH MARCH.—  
‘Report on the Trade of the Upper Yang-tsze.’ By A. Michie, Esq. Shanghai, 1869. ‘Géographie du Perou.’ (Traduction Française.) By Don M. F. P. Paz Soldan. Paris, 1863. By Purchase. ‘Le Chili: son Agriculture.’ By B. V. Mackenna. Paris, 1855. By Purchase. ‘Land und Volk in Afrika.’ By Gerhard Rohlfs. Bremen, 1870. ‘Visit to Lord Howe Island.’ By Ed. S. Hill. Sydney, 1869. Donor, the President. ‘Guide du Voyageur en Corse.’ Ajaccio, 1868. Donor, S. M. Drach, Esq. ‘Notes médicales du Mekong et de Cochinchine.’ Par C. Thorel. 1870. ‘Temperature de la Mer, entre l’Islande, l’Ecosse et la Norvège.’ Par H. Mohn. Christiania 1870. ‘La Terre: Description des Phénomènes de la Vie du Globe.’ Par Elisé Reclus. 2nd edit. Paris, 1870. Donor, the author. ‘A Poor Man’s Photography at the Great Pyramid in the year 1865.’ By C. P. Smyth. Donor, the author. ‘Botany and Agriculture of Malta and Sicily.’ By H. Cleghorn. Edinburgh,

1870. 'L'Année géographique.' Par V. de Saint-Martin. Paris, 1870. 'Neues aus der Geographie, Kartographie und Statistik Europas und seiner Kolonien.' Berlin, 1870.

ACCESSIONS TO THE MAP-ROOM SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF MARCH 14TH.—A Map of Virginia, U. S. By J. T. Lloyd; being a copy of the one used by General McClellan during the Civil War. Presented by G. T. Archer, Esq., F.R.G.S. South Polar Chart, from Steiler's 'Hand Atlas;' showing the tracks of Explorers and Icebergs. By Dr. A. Petermann. Upper part of the Yang-tse-Kiang River; from Yoh-chau-fu to Kwei-chau-fu. Admiralty Chart. Views of the above portion of the River. Presented by Consul Swinhoe. Admiralty Charts, 9 in number. Presented by the Hydrographic Office, through Captain G. H. Richards.

The following Paper was read:—

On FORREST'S *Expedition into the Interior of Western Australia*, GOYDER'S *Survey of the Neighbourhood of Port Darwin*, and on the recent *Progress of Australian Discovery*. By Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, Bart.

THE determination of the actual fate of Dr. Leichhardt, the most enterprising and distinguished of all Australian travellers, has for the last twenty years been a subject of intense interest amongst all the civilized communities of Australia. A feeling of anxiety, similar to that which for so long a period agitated the minds of men in Europe and America, as to the ultimate fate of Franklin and his intrepid followers, attaches itself to the history of Leichhardt's last expedition. And as various rumours of the last explorer have from time to time reached the settled portions of the territory, expeditions have been fitted out, and renewed searches made in the supposed track of the lost traveller and his companions, without, however, yielding any definite result, beyond the tracing of their footsteps to a point somewhere to the south-west of the head of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Beyond this point all reliable indications of Leichhardt's further progress disappear; and it now seems almost vain to hope that the obscurity with which his fate, and that of his party, is involved will ever be cleared away. There are, however, still some few persons—who hope against what would seem all human probability—that some of Leichhardt's party may be still surviving in the interior wilds of the country; and for the rescue of these, and, at all events, for the procuring more definite information as to the course of the expedition beyond the point to which it is believed that it has been already traced, are anxious to organize fresh parties for exploration. Amongst the most generous